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SUBJECT: LIBYA SEEKS U.S. COOPERATION ON ASTRONOMY, SEISMOLOGY AND SATELLITES TRIPOLI 00000133 001.2 OF 002 CLASSIFIED BY: Gene Cretz, Ambassador  
1.(SBU) This is an action request. Please see para 8.

12. (SBU) Summary: The head of Libya's Center for Remote Sensing and Space Science expressed interest in renewing cooperation with the U.S. on

13. (SBU) On February 3, Pol/Econ Chief and Econoff met with Hadi Gashut, head of Libya's Center for Remote Sensing and Space Science, who had  
LIBYA HAS 300 CLOUDLESS NIGHTS: PERFECT FOR ASTRONOMY

14. (SBU) According to Gashut, Libya has, on average, "300 cloudless nights," and therefore offers an excellent locale for astronomy research.

SEISMOLOGY

15. (C) Gashut asked if U.S. experts would be interested in participating in workshops on seismology and other related topics. He said Libya has  
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16. (SBU) Regarding the equipment that NASA had provided to the University of Sebha, Gashut said that the Very Low Frequency (VLF) equipment was  
BACKGROUND

17. (SBU) Gashut noted that his organization falls under the National Authority for Scientific Research, headed by Mohammed Sharif, which is part of  
COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST

18. (C) Following the signing of the U.S.-Libya Science and Technology Agreement, no Libyan institutions, with the exception of the Libyan Atomic Energy Commission, have been able to receive U.S. technology.  
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